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Northern Dutchess Alliance to Host Public Forum on Water and Wastewater: Maintaining Quality and Supply

Key Stakeholders and Community Members Gather at the Omega Center for Sustainable Living to Discuss Regional Water Issues

Rhinebeck, New York – On Wednesday, September 15th from 4pm – 7pm the Northern Dutchess Alliance will host a free public forum titled, “Water and Wastewater: Maintaining Quality and Supply” at the award-winning Omega Center for Sustainable Living, (OCSL), a leading-edge environmental educational center and natural water reclamation facility on Omega Institute’s Rhinebeck, NY campus.

An expert panel working in the water and wastewater field, as well as institutions and municipalities dealing with water-related issues, will offer varied perspectives. Following the panel presentation, attendees will be able to ask questions and join the important discussion. The forum is intended to foster open public dialogue and to explore creative solutions.

Panelists include: Russell Urban-Meade, Sr. Hydrologist, Water Resources, Sustainable Design at the Chazen Companies, Bridget Barclay, Executive Director of Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority, Scott Cuppett, DEC Hudson River Estuary Program, and Skip Backus, Chief Executive Officer at Omega Institute and key innovator behind the creation of the OCSL.

“The aim is to facilitate important regional conversations, supported by the most current information, leading voices, and public interest, in order to generate workable strategies.” says Lucy Hayden, President of Northern Dutchess Alliance. “By sharing information and resources, we can work across municipal boundaries and bring statewide and regional resources into play,” concluded Hayden.

The Northern Dutchess Alliance event is one of four quarterly 2010 forums on the most pressing issues facing northern Dutchess County communities. The Northern Dutchess Alliance 2010 forum series is sponsored by the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

The Omega Center for Sustainable Living, (OSCL), is located at the Omega Institute for Holistic Studies, 150 Lake Drive, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. This forum is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Kristin Roca at 845-757-2254, e-mail kroca1@mac.com, or Mary Ann Johnson at 845-758-6865.

About Northern Dutchess Alliance:

Northern Dutchess Alliance aims to create a broad-based and inclusive institutional structure for regional cooperation and economic development throughout Northern Dutchess County with a public process that will lead to the implementation of the goals, ideas and policies established by the members of the Northern Dutchess Alliance. Current members include many of the Towns, Villages, School Districts, Chambers of Commerce and other business associations of Clinton, Hyde Park, Milan, Pleasant Valley, Red Hook/Tivoli, Rhinebeck and Stanford, as well as organizations such as Bard College, Omega Institute, Winnakee Land Trust and Scenic Hudson.